Lions, Tigers, Leopards, Elephants, and Dogs as Teachers and Papils.

HAGENBECK'S GREAT CIRCUS

Its Arrival at Albangh's Opera House an Event of Unusual Interest-Remarkable Feats Performed by Denizeus of the Forest -A Very Happy Family of Wild Beasts.

The sensation of the world is here. The biggest thing in town and the biggest thing of the kind that has over been here is the wonderful Hagenbeck's circus.

The whole aggregation of trained animals and an army of people rolled into the Baltimore and Obio station yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock on Hagenbeck's special train, and immediately the men in charge began the transfer of the the buge abow to Albaugh's Grand Opera House. The wonders that were visible were ten Shetland pontes, the trick elephant, four horses, and the faces of about a dozen Stuttgart bour hounds and French poodles looking out on the admiring army of

All of the other specialties rode in closed cages on a personally conducted tour and gave no sign except now and then the roar of

a hungry lion.

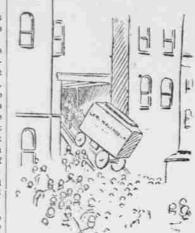
At about 11 o'clock the vanguard of the At about 10 clock the vanguard of the procession, the seals and dogs, arrived at the special side door on the south side of the theater, constructed to admit the great cares to the stage. This admission, by the way, was a great feat for Manager Allen.

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An aperture was cut out in the wall through which an inclined plane was erected, reaching from the street to the stage level, a distance of fifty feet, the height at the stage end being twenty-five feet. On the stage near its center, was firmly fixed a windless, around which were passed fourteen inch ropes, which, remains through millers were connected.

even greater. Volumes upon volumes have been written about the sagarity of the star actors in this troupe, but perhaps the most wonderful feat of all is that which is pictori-ally represented below, "Essis" is seen on the tricycle, which she propels and guides like a professional, while on her as bareback rider is "Prince," the best trained ilon in ithe

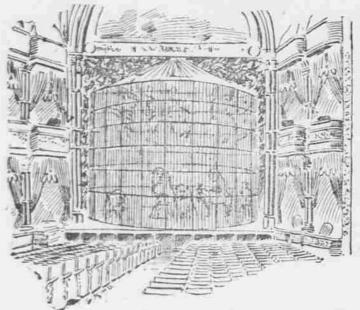
Besides this great and exclusive specialty there is the funny bear that walks erect. "Peter," the royal Bengal tiger, who rides a ball as a lockey rides a favorite, "Miss Josie," the cutest monkey ever seen, that rides bareback standling erect and in the most correct ballet costume, and the pyramid of animals composed of a point hear at the top, and then in succession two leapards, two tigers, the walking hear with a hear hound on either side, two lions at the side base, and two other lions at the front base. The three seals,



GETTING THE WAGONS INTO THE THEATER. "Bebge," "Bobby," and "Timmy," play on the guitar, walts, smoke, and do other things

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The first cages, containing the riding Bengal tiger, the riding lion and the seals, being lightweights, went up as rapidly as desired,



INTERIOR OF ALBADOR'S THIS WHEE.

but the first heavy cage, containing five lions magnificent size of the lions, leopards and but his first heavy cage, containing five hoss, and weighing five tons, went up only with tigers. They are the largest in the world, great effort and labor. There was a large crowd nearly all day at this special side entrance and all largedy interested in this engineering process. The ongs was aret moved to the lower end of the incline, which aroused the lower end of the incline, which aroused the lower end of the incline, which there are itous, tigers and leopards, and these are as happy a family as can be a four in chorne with the choires.

baggage and properties lined the street on either side of the entrance.

THE Trues artist has caught in the sketch pulled under the doorway. The movement from that point to the stage floor was as slow

as a smill's pace, the work being said to be the most difficult ever performed for the ac-commodation of this circus. The stage has also undergonen transforma-tion for the reception of the great weight that will rest upon at and for the crowds that will strend the care of the animal. stage was underpropped strongly. All the



ENEMIES ONCE-PRIENTS NOW, scenery was removed and in its center is erected the great steel cage, weighing ten tons, fifty feet in diameter, thirty feet in height, and covered with a steel neiting. The workmen began the erection of this care on Saturday night and only completed it is on saturacy ingut and only completed it as night. It is escape-proof in every way and gives a pretty view from the auditorium. Viewed from the stage if presents the situ-mion of being set in an Eastern forest, as rep-resented here by the artist, with some of the fleree denizens well in the foreground. At the hack of the cage is the entrance door for the animals which was directly from their the animals, which pass directly from their sages through a stetl ranway into the

By Bo'clock last night nearly everything was in position. The half dozen ponderous eages, the smaller individual cages, and the seal tank had been rolled up the steep incline and the process of feeding commenced. The lions were fed on milk only—their regular San-day diet—and all of the other beasts were given their usual solid fare. In the lass-ment the poolles and boar hounds were safely ment the poodles and boar hounds were safely stowed away and cared for for the night. The little elephant, "Essie," that does the great tricycle trick with "Frince," the magnificent ilon, as rider, has been stabled at McCauley's, on Fourteenth street, where her company in-cindes the Shetland ponies, and the great Avalian steed, and "Columbus," the intelli-gent American horse, that was bought in Chicago and trained for flagenleck.

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The show, as hundreds of thousands who

crowd nearly all day at this special reactive countries and all largely interested in this engineering process. The edge was arst moved to the lower end of the incline, which aroused the lions to a roar in choras with the cheers of the crowd and the barking of the boar hounds, poodles and the chattering of the monkeys in the adjacent edges.

Ly the time the workmen were ready to send up the first edge all the other edges had arrived and the animals, flous, tigers, bears, and level work inside the great edge. All the animals have a wholesome dread of them. They are knewn to be the marnithms of the exhibits one, and are not the same family as those presented to Prince Bismarck by Mr. Hagenbeck. These bounds are the police of the show inside the great edge. All the animals have a wholesome dread of them. They are knewn to be the marnithms of the exhibits one.

s, conducted by Signor Torsiello, who is

o a composer. Mr. Daly, the press agent of the show, was very courtsous to Tax Traces representatives vesterday, giving them will the facilities for an inspection of what was going on in the

All the big people and little people of Washington may be prepared for some thrill-ing scenes to-night. They describe it very well as an animal kindergarten, with lious, tigers, icopards, bears, elephants, houses, ponies, monkeys, dogs, seals and birds as both pupils and professors. The consultion of the world is in Washington and hundreds will be there to see it. The performance will be equal to the promise, With a run of seven months in New York there should not be any doubt that Albaugh's Opera House will be packed from top to bot-tom while the circus is in town.

-BURIAL OF A WAR HERO.

Remains of the Late Col. Lehman Laid to Rest Vesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Col. Theodore F. Lehman took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence, No. 201 C street southeast. The burial services were in charge of the Grand Army of the Republic, and interment was at Congressional Ceme-

The service rendered by the deceased dur-ing the war of the rebeilion was of the most distinguished character. He was in the earlier part of his military career lieutenant colonel the Sixty-second Pennsylvania Regiment of later became the colone of the One Hunand later became the colones of the One Hun-dred and Third Regiment from that State.

Col. Lehman was one of the 100 Union of-ficers who were placed under fire at Charles-ton, S. C., when that city was bombarded by the Union fleet, and when his regiment was mustered out at the close of the war he was one of eighty-five shie for duty out of 1,000 men who enlisted with him at the beginning of bostilities.

or Vice Department Commander J. H. Howlett had charge of the exercises by the order, Chaplain J. D. Smith conducting the funeral services.

Problems of the Other Life. The Rev. Frank Sewall, in his lecture at the New Church Chapel last night on "Prob-

lems of the other life," discussed the reasons for belief in the Bible promises of seaven. After stating that many men feared to believe in the Bible promises of neaven lest "the wish should be the father of the thought" and the only basis of their belief, the lecturer proceeded to show that the only adequate satisfaction of a Divine love in a marking a minimum was to have a marking a minimum was to have a ng a universe was to be found in some state of manhood more perfect than that which any earthly state exhibits or can exhibit with the limitations of mortality and time and space.

Denth of an Old Washingtonian. Sarah Selby died at the rasidence of Mrs. Minerva Dushane, her daughter, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Thirteenth street southeast, yesterday morning. Mrs. Solby was a native of Washington, and over seventy years of age. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ida Gallagher, of New York; Mrs. Du-shame, and Mrs. George Miller, of No. 1103 Fourth street northwest. At the time of her danth Mrs. Salby was a great read. death Mrs. Selby was a great-great-grand-mother. The funeral will occur from the residence of Mrs. Dushane at 2 o'clock to-

Fair: north winds, becoming southeast,

Chairman Hitchcock in Oil-A lifelike and striking portrait in oil of the late J. H. Hitcheek, formerly chairman of the board of directors of the Central Union Mission, has been finished by Leonard S. Harrison a Washington artist, and now graces the walls of the board room. It is a truthful likeness of the dead humitarian and Christian gentleman, and attracts much attention among the Mission visitors.

"Greatest of All I Charity"—The executive board of the Golden Circle, the newly organized colored associated clarity organization met Saturday evening at the office of Attorney W. C. Martin, on D street, near Fifth. Reports were received from the ladies and gentlemen in charge of the mammoth charity reception and entertainment to be given on January 2 next at Convention Hall for the benefit of the relief fund. A feature of the entertainment relief fund. A feature of the entertainment will be a grand volunteer orchestra. The trite phrase, "Above all is charity," was adopted as the motto of the circle.

John Smith's Queer Delusions-An athletic looking old man was registered as John Smith, age 73," on the blotter of the Fourth precinct station house vesterday. He was charged by Officer Vermillion with being an habitual drunkard within the provisions of habitual drungard within the provisions of the vagrancy act. Although very much un-der the influence of fiquor when he was brought into the station, Smith protested that he was not drunk but happy. "I have been as happy as a lord and light as a feather for the waster of the provision of the provision of the prosix weeks," he said. "The only influence I have been under during that period was the spell of the fair goddess, Diana, who has accompanied me on my snipe shooting expeditions on the Potomac fluts."

The old man's vagaries will be ventilated in the Police Court blk morning. The second

in the Police Court this morning. The po-lice say he has a mild case of the "jim-jams." Carrier Pigcons in Business.—A novel sub-stitute for the telephone and telegraph for pusiness communications has been introduced business communications has been introduced by Mr. James C. Addison, the paper dealer, of No. 627 Louisiana avenue. That gentleman has a standing contract with the District re-form school to supply him with pasteboard boxes, manufactured by the boy inmates of that institution. At the reform school is a fine loft of carrier pigeous, well trained for arial messenger service. Recently Mr. Addison received a number of these birds in a basket, and now whenever he wants 100 or 1,000 boxes he writes the order on tissue paper, attacher it to the less of a bird. taches it to the leg of a bird and releases it. So far, Mr. Addison says, the carrier has never falled, and in an hour or two after the pigeon has taken its flight eastward the wagon of the institution comes lumbering into town with the order.

Eahen's Condition Unchanged—No improvement was noticed in the condition of George D. Bahen at the Emergency Hospital yesterday. The doctors said that he had changed neither for the better nor the worse. During the day Mr. George Bahen visited his injured son, in company with a priest, and the lad received religious consolation.

Many Indictments Expected.—The grand jury of the District supreme court will to-day bring in a number of indictments. It is ex-pected in addition to the usual number for theits, assaults, etc., that additional indictments against Howgate for embezzlement and our for forgery will be reported to Judge

"Speak-casy" Fitted Up Like a Bar—Ser-geant Keaney and Policeman Hess raided the alleged "speak-casy" of Gustav Krebs, an old German soldler, on the Seventh street road, near Brightwood, lest night. Two dozen hottles of beer, whisky, and other honors were found, and it is said that Krebs place was fitted up like a barroom. The proprietor was fitted up like a barroom. The proprietor was arrested and locked up.

Death of Officer Kilfeyle—Policeman Mar-tin Kilfeyle died about 7 o clock last nicht at his home, No 732 New York avenue. He had been ill for some weeks of typhold fever. The dead man was attached to the Sixth precinct station and has been on the force about four He was unmarried and regarded as a faithful and efficient patroimen. Schoenborn May Recover-William Schoen-

bern, of No. 138 D street northeast, lies in Providence Hospital in a critical condition as the result of an attempt at snielde, but it is thought that he will recover. Schoenforn is 38 years old and married. It is said that excessive dissipation caused the act.

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Senator Irby at His Fost—Senator Irby arrived in the city on Saturday night and is at the National Hotel, where he was called on yesterday by many of his friends at the Capitol. He is looking hale and hearty and bears no evidence of the flory campaign which he recently managed in South Carolina as chairman of the Democratic party of that State, a position to which he has been three times unanimously elected. He would three times unanimously elected. He would not be interviewed as yet on matters of State or national interest.

BATTLE-SHIPS WANTED.

Chairman Grissenhainer, of the Naval Representative Geissenhainer, who has ust been appointed chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affair: to succeed Mr.

Cummings, who resigned from Congress, is an advocate of the battle-ship as an adjunct to our naval strength, The battle-ship versus the cruiser has re

cently excited warm controversy among naval authorities. This has been emphasized by Secretary Herbert's recent recommendaon that several new battle-ships be authorized by Congress. The battle-ship is a pon-derous fighting machine while the erniser is a swill and trim ship, quickly maneuvered in a fight. About the relative merits of the two there is a wide difference of opinion

among authorities.

"We need them both," said Mr. Geissenhainer, "for while one has some alvastages overthe other, they are both good in their respective fields. One is a policeman, the other a sentry. It is the formidable appearance of the hattle-ship that constitute in ance of the battle-ship that constitutes ance of the battle-ship that constitutes its chief value. A pollecman is in reality no more nuscular than the average citizen, but with his blue coat, brass buttons, club and weapons, the public stand in awe of the offi-cer. So it is with the lattle-ship, her equip-ment and dimensions are awe-inspiring. With modern navies their formidable appear-ance is quite as much of a factor in comance is quite as much of a factor in manding respect as their fighting ability Mr. Geissenhainer was asked if the si-Mr. Geissenhainer was asked if the sinking of the crack British battle-ship Victoria had not weakened the advocacy of that class of

"No," he said, "there is the possibility of ac-"No," he said, "there is the possibility of accident to the strongest of ships. A strong man
may be disabled by stepping on a pebble and
wrenching his ankle. During the recent
campaign I was about to leave a pintform,
when I fell eight feet through a trap-door.
And so R is with battle-ships. You can't
condemn a whole class because one is disabled by an accident."

Mr. Geissenhainer was asked why it was
that Japan had won victories with her cruis-

that Japan had won victories with her cruis-ers, while China had been defeated with their

"That shows," said be, "that we need runs snows, sand no, "that we need cruisers also. But Japan would certainly not have been weakened if she had had battle-ships also. The United States should have them both, as auxiliaries to each other, as each can serve us well in its proper sphere,"

Protestant Church in Paris Inaugurated. Paris, Dec. 9.—The new German Protestant Church in Rue Blanche was inaugurated to-day in the presence of the German ambassador, Baron von Mohrenbeim, the staff of the embassy, and 800 German residents of Paris. Emperor William sent a gift.

Cotton Factory Destroyed. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 9.—The Bank Cotton factory in Lexington county, about thirteen miles from Columbia, was destroyed by fire last night. The origin is unknown. The loss is \$75,000; insurance, \$40,000.

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LUCAL NEWS OF ALL SORTS MULTITUDES HEAR TALMAGE

Four Sermons and an Outdoor Address Delivered in Washington.

CROWDS RUSH TO SHAKE HANDS

Floquence of the "Missionary of the World" Fills the Old First Fresbyterian Church-The Bible Described and Defended in Burning Words-Pon Picture of Him.

The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, formerly pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Brooklyn, now evangelist of the world at large, preached four times in this city yesterday. Some 5,000 persons listened to his eloquent, earnest words and 500 shook his hand. He was given an ovation such as no man has received in Washington within a year.

In the morning he preached first in the main audience room of the Eastern Presbyterian Church and again at the close of that service he spoke in the lecture-room below to the children and scores of older persons who had been unable to get in above.

The church was filled for the first sermon a quarter of an hour before the time to begin. At 11 o'clock the high stone steps leading from each side to the entrance to the auditorium were covered with people trying to get in, and the ragged edge of the crowd was outlined upon the sidewalk in front, while every moment groups of twos and threes turned away. A few were still fieling admitted to the lecture-room to await the later address, and a few were going to the gallery where there was still a little standing room from which a was stin a fittle standing from from which a tail man could entch a glimpse of the speaker and a sharp car could eatch his discourse, Later the doors of the Beture-room had to be bested to keep out the crowd, though it would be an hour before the address there gran.

The audience was made up of all classes There was a sprinkling of Congressmen and others high in official life. Representative John Pickler sat in the gallery, second seat back, and listened attentively throughout. Fully two thousand heard Mr. Talmage at the two services.

In the evening Dr. Talmage preached at In the svening Dr. raimage preached at Dr. Sunderland's church, the First Presbyter-ian. Long before the bour for opening the crowd came pouring in. At 7:15 the church was filled and the scores enger to get within earshot were thronging the anterooms. A call for pollemen to direct the movements of the crowd was sent to headquarters and squad of half dozen bluecouts was soon of hand. They kept the way clear so that per sons desirous of hearing should be able to co-places in the also send in the gallery. Finally the gallery was filled and all the long ante-rooms on the second floor, and here signt-seers were crowding the vestibute below and

ear him in comfort, hundreds of these went sway. There yet remained a packed house away. There yet remained a packed house with dozens standing in the open doors all the way back to the wall, standing upon the benebes against the wall and banging bulf-way through the windows looking from the stairway into the audience-room. "Cyclone Jim Marshall," Representative in Congress from the Ninth Virginia District, stood holdhear the words of the great pulpit orator. It response to this great eagerness to hear him Dr. Taimage announced that he would spend a few words of greeting and exhortation in he open air aiter the service within had

When he had finished his sermon in the When he had finished his sermon in the audience room, scores pushed forward to see him and shake his hand, and for twenty minutes he held a reception in the pulpit. As an instance of what happened, a benevolent mirron came back enthusinstic and excited to tell how she got within reach and shaken hands with the great divine. It was almost equal to the man who took pride in the hand that had scakes Sudiyan's.

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When he could, Dr. Talmage went to the church steps, and while the crowd flied the could be sufficient up and down the sidewalk and nearly across the street, and mane out and stood in doorways opposite and the oldest families in the district.

The michaeme, "Grotte Charles are controlled to the college owing the could be the college owing the college of the college of the college of the college of the college owing the college of the opened windows on the second floor to hear, he spoke for a quarter of an hour on "The help, the hope and joy of the Caristian relig-ion," Nearly three thousand heard him at the night meetings.

His bair is spare, sandy, sprinkied with gray and with long straggling locks combed in streads across the broad, baid expanse on top. His voice frequently rasps and grates, but is always clear and very strong, and often barmonious and sympathetic. It varies through a wide range of londness and quality to match the words and the feeling. It melts into lears, frampets deplance or broadens with holy joy and triumph. If a hands, arms and entire figure in raythmical movements. dlow and emphasize his discourse. At the Eastern Church Dr. Talmage was

an incode by the pastor, Dr. Easton, as his triend, who appeared in that pulpit for the first time since his long travel abroad. From the front of the pulpit, with that sturdy, earnest, and kind manner which has endeared him to religious audier parts of the world, he announced his text as part of the eighth verse of the fourteenth psalm, "The statutes of the Lord are right," and said he would devote his time to proving this to be true in every sense. Old books go out of date. When written, ther discussed executions of

they discussed questions of living interest; they struck at wrongs then besetting the rid. But if posity, they were illied with a tthology that has vanished before civilin-n like mists before the morning son; if story, the facts have been better classified; f ethics, civilization rejects the maxims of antiquity. We do not want Sappho, and Philemon and Aristophanes are neglected. Books, as men, are born and live and do their work and die. But there is one old book that does not die, It grew under the hand of Meses and of

David, of Matthew and of John and of Pau It was at Jemsalem and form, at Athens and at Patinos. The emperors buried their edicis against it and it has been anothernatived by Rome; but in vain, It crossed the English Change by the hand of Wyellif, and all England saw its light; it crossed the Atlantic and struck on Plymouth Rock, from which it has gone out to be a tlessing to all this land. To-tay 100,000 Unisitan ministers stand with their hands on this book, pointing the way to

There is not so much evidence that Milton wrote "Paradise Lost," that Shakespeare wrote "Macbeth," that Bryant wrote "Thana-opsis," or Seott, "Marmion," or Tennyson, the "Charge of the Light Brigade," as there is evidence that God Almighty by the hand of patriarch and prophet and apostle wrote this book. The divine origin is shown by its influence over the world; by its preservation. When the effort to destroy it began there were only \$400 copies; now there are more than 400,000,000.

After a series of refutations of infidel criticisms and confirmations of the Scriptures, based upon explorations in Oriental courties and discoveries of scientists, he said:
"When I landed in England not long ago. I was handed a telegram saying: 'Pray come to me at Hawarden, and signed 'W. E. Gladstone'. I went And when the said of the sa

stone. I went, And when, next morning, we were taking a run through the park in the clear, crisp air—I say run rather than walk, because while Mr. Ghalstone was then already past eighty-two, he was still lithe and already past eighty-two, he was still lithe and active—and we were tripping along at a lively step, and I asked bim: 'Mr. Gladstone, does your faith in Christianity increase or decrease as you grow older?' He stopped short and turned to me. 'The only question in the world,' he exclaimed, 'is how to bring the gospet home to the masses.' Then he went on to say that he had taken some part in the affairs of the English government. He had known intimately some sixty of the greatest minds in the world. Of these fifty-five were devout believers in the Christian religion, and the other five held Of these fifty-five were devout believers in the Christian religion, and the other five held

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It is true, the brain of the world, as well as It is true, the brain of the world, as well as the heart, is on the side of Caristianny."

In further proof of this he pointed to the scentists of the (world, including Joseph Henry, late of the Smithsonian. Though he knew geology, he accepted Genesis; he was familiar with astronomy, but believed the sun and mean stood still and while versed in the shantomy of fish, did not reject the book of Joh."

At the out-door address in the evening he delegated where the second second is elected styling. "Three things I want you to remember and take home with you. The nest popular book in the world is the Bible, the most popular institution in the world is the church the most popular name in the world is Jesus. Ten thousand men would te for Him for one that would die for any

The crowd gathered ground him shaking his hands as he started for his carriage and it required two policemen to make way for him and seath him safely in the vehicle. He was driven to the Arlington and this afternoon returns to New York.

PASSING OF "GROTTO CHARLEY"

One of Washington's Eccentric Characters in Days Gone By Ends His Cheek ered Career in Philadelphia.

"Grotto Charley" is dead. He passed in his chips in the game of life last Saturday in Philadelphia, and his sister, Mrs. Sarah Mayfield, of No. 925 G street, was notified yesterday. Charley's surname was Hayes, his age 69 years and he was connected with one of

The nickname, "Grotto Charley," was given him by the police, owing to his habit of spending nearly all his time during the long summer days in the jicturesque grotto in the North Capitol grounds. In this foliage-crowned spot, with its slivery rivulet trickling birds would come to take their midday baths away from the gaze of mortals, Charles would sit for hours on the rude stone benches and, when not listening to the music of the ng waters or the songs of the birds, he retty and secinded piace. Charley's been ontranion for a long time was ex-Policeman tearney, the man who arrested the assass and afterwards became se

gitty in his ways. Together they would tell visitors wonderful nd improbable stories about the "big white uilding on the bill, its parks, trees and the historic characters whose elequence had filled the Capitolian halls." In later years "Grotto Charley" became a peddier of apples, ness and cakes, but never went far away from his favorite trysting piace, where he was wont to commune with nature and inquiring

He had many escanades in this city, two or bree of which wound up with his incarcera-ion in the workhouse. One of the most outside of these was when he called on resident Arthur at the White House and resenting a long list of names on a petition overed with big red seals, demanded an ap-pointment as "minister to the Feger Islands."
Of course the names were firstitious and the paper bogus, the work of several practical lowers, but the affair came near causing Charley's confinement in jail, The old policemen in Washington all knew

"Grotto Charley," and when several of them were informed of his demise last night they expressed regret for the poor follow, whose only fault was his eccentricity.

BETTER MAIL FACILITIES.

Foreign Mails From Large Cities to Be Forwarded by Latest Trains. Postmaster General Bissell and Superinendent of Foreign Mails Brooks have decided to provide necessary arrangements for securing to merchants in Chichgo, St. Louis, Balti-

more. Boston, and Philadelphia, the cities authorized to make up pouches for foreign oints, the advantage of forwarding foreign ail by the latest train that connects with he steamers at New York city. The plan will obviate the necessity of having this mail handled and way-billed at the New York pest-office, and messengers, in masses of yers dose connections, will meet the incoming trains at the depot and carry the

mail direct to the steamers. The arrange-ment will take effect January 1.

Conflagration at Port an Prince. New York, Dec. 9.-The Dutch steamer, Prinz Willem III, arrived this morning from West India, touching Port au Prince December 2. It reports that a big fire broke out there on November 30, at 3 p. m., in the poorer quarter of the city on an elevation, More than 180 dwelling houses were destroyed before 7the firemen succeeded in subduing the flames. . No lives were lost, however, and none of the business portion of the city was burned.

Cashier Gone; Bank Closed. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec 9. - A. Whipple, cashier of the Crawford Banking Company at Crawford. has absconded, and the bank is closed. He has had several government contracts at Fort Robinson and Omaha Payment on one it in great respect. Of the four great physicians he had known, including Sir Andrew the government on the United States depository at Omaha have been stopped.

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FINE CHORAL AND SOLO WORK

One of the Society's Best Concerts-Selections From the Old and New Masters Formed the Programmo-Some of the People Who Attended -The Songs and the Singers.

The first of the series of concerts to be given this season by the Washington Saengerbund was heard last night by a large and very appreciative assemblace at the Academy of Music. Those who attended knew well, in advance, that the event would be one not only of social interest, but one that would furnish vocal and instrumental entertainment

of a very high order. The Saengerbund, Indeed, improves with age; certainly there was a general expression of opinion that the programme last night was about the best, both as to the selections and the rendition, yet offered to the public by this excellent organization,

The audience was very largely composed of Germans, but there were quite a number of other nationalities in attendance. In the boxes were Congressman Bartholdt, of Misboxes were Congressman Bartholdt, of Missouri, Mrs. Bartholdt and party of ladies, Congressman Keifer, of Ohio, and ladies, Honorary Fresident Schultz, of the Saengerbund, and party of ladies. Among those in the audience were Congressman Faynter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Petersen, Charles Dismer and ladies, Louis Fabrand ladies, F. Beuter and ladies, Charles Xander and ladies, tart Deutelin and ladies, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bonch, the Misses Donch, Mrs. B. Artl. Mr. and Mrs. Lepper, Mrs. T. B. Lerch, Mr. and Mrs. John Waldman, Mr. W. Waldecker, Mr. Bortherding, Mr. Carl Ochsenbach, A. Lerch and ladies, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwinke, of Baltimore, Amos Hart, W. D. Missarian, Frank Reeside, John Waldty, Andrew Rollins, George S. Brock, and others.

more; Amos Hart, w. B. Assaults, George Reeside, John Wadly, Andrew Rollins, George S. Brock, and others.

The concert opened with a spirited rendition by the orchestra of twenty-five, and conducted by Mr. William Wadle care, of Lortzing's Fest Guverture. Miss Kloss played the harp in the orchestra. Next came two disconners some superstanding the solo reassages for baritone being sung in splendid voice and tone by Mr. Ferdinand Lefmer. The work of the chorus was admirable. They had four numbers on the programme, the third of which, "Die Linde," exhibited mest agreesably the perfect discipline of the singers.

The piece is tuil of transitions from plants sime to forte effects. The equality of tones and the graceful gradilions from our style to another were fully appreciated, as marked by the applause. The chorus also wan golden opinions by their handling of Gernsheim's "Salamis," This was song in martial soleit and with full tones and energy. The orchestand

opinions by their handling of Gerasheim's "Salamis," This was sung in martial soirit and with full tones and energy. The orehestra was applicated for its attacke playing of Hiller's "Serenade." The work for the clarimet in this is conspicuous.

Miss Lotta Mills played three pieces—the graceful larcarole in F flat, by Rubinstoin, a mazourka and a theme with variations, by flament, she did some admirable execution in the last and northly seem her prevision of

in the last, and notable were her precisio touch and distinctness of effect in the sages which were played in almost right tempo.

Mr. Perry Turpin, tenor, sang Don Octav-

Mr. Ferry turpin, coor, sain four char-to's aria from "Don Glovanni," "Il mio Tesoro." Mr. Turpin's voice is swent and rounded. He accomplished with case the florid passages of the difficult air, and es-pecially its succession of descending runs. Miss Mae B. Whitesell quite captured the bouse with two bullats, the "Masks of Cadia" and the "Sweetest Store." There was suffiand the 'Sweetest Story.' There was sufficient opportunity in the former to display her compass and style, and in the latter equal opportunity for her sympathy with the most serious music. She sang again in the duet 'Neath the Stars,' with Mr. Turpin. This was of course a delicious arranger.

was, of course, a delicious harmony.

The first concert was universally prono unced a brilliant success. After the performance the "chorus" was photographed on the stage, after which the Sachnerbund spent a delightful evening at their club house, No. 314 C street.

PROBABLY NO CONFLICT.

Minister Romero Discredits Reports of Hostilities on the Mexican Border. It was stated at the Mexican legation last night that no news had been received concerning the alleged conflicts between Mexican and Guatemalan troops. Minister Romero thought it very doubtful li any such had

taken place. The trouble between Mexico and Gunte-

mala arises out of a boundary dispute, a large tract of a country on the border being claimed by both nations, in order to settle the matter, a special delegate, Senor Emillo de Leon, was sent to Mexico by Guatamaia. He reached San Francisco on December 1 and the City of Mexico fire days later, and negotiations have since been in occurrens.

ter says, have been sent to the tory, which is almost entirely uninhabited,

CHROME STEEL THE BEST. No Encouraging Results from Shield

Plates Tested Saturday. Recent tests have been made at the Indian Head proving ground of half-inch gun shield plates designed to deflect ordinary projectiles

and protect the men handling the guns. Heretofore the Navy Department has been using chrome steel plates, which are considered quite effective.

The department, however, desiring to keep fully abreast of every improvement made to increase the strength of the shields, decided

increase the strength of the shields, decided to try some plates made by the Carnegie Company, the Midvale Company, and the Bethlehem Company. Saturday two plates, one furnished by the Bethlehem and the other by the Carnegie Company, were tested. Up to this time, however, no encouraging results have been reached, and no shields decidedly better than those now used have be

WHY THEY SHOULDN'T ANSWER. Judge Dittenhoefer Argues for Newspa-

per Privileges Before Judge Cole. The cases of President Havemeyer and ecretary Searles, of the American Sugar Refining Company, Broker Seymour, of Seymour Brothers & Young, and Correspondents E. J. Edwards and John S. Shriver, indicted for refusal to testify before the Senate sugar trust investigating committee, were called before Judge Cole Saturday.

The arguments in the cases of all but the

newspaper men were postponed until December 22, but Judge Dittenhoefer, of New York, made his argument on the demurrers to the other two indictments. The statement dwell mainly on the claim that the communications made to the defendants were privileged, and neither of the newspaper men was obliged to disclose the identity of his inform-Smallpox Under Control.

Middletows, N. Y., Dec. 9 .- Smallpex in Sullivan county is believed to be under control. Liberty has established a quarantine back in the woods about one mile from any road or dwelling. The schools and churches have been closed at Fallsburg and several people are quaruntined.

Struck by a Train and Killed.

Chicaso, Dec. 2.—While waiting at the Lyons depot of the Burlington road last night a party of young people were struck by the suburban train, Ida Schultz being killed outright, her brother, Edward, perhaps fatally injured, and another brother, Emil, narrowly escaping death.

Humpirey, Each of these officials maile species to arouse the cause of the samples and secure their assistance in paying the dext of \$1,700 which the Washington purially injured and another brother, Emil, narrowly injured, and another brother, Emil, narrowly escaping death.

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AMATEUR BOWLING LEAGUE.

Competition for the Championship Close and Exciting-Record of the Players. The race for the championship in the Distriet Amateur Bowling League grows more and more interesting.

in the stending of the several teams, which naturally bring pleasure to some and disapcintainnt to others. The Washington Athletic Club is moving up apace and hopes to hold its present rank, What the coming week has in store for this team, when it plays at the Columbia Athletic Club on Thursday, remains to be seen.

The Buena Vishas will have two of their

Each week brings with it certain changes.

trongest bowlers with them again this week and they hope to at least increase their aver-The Carroll Institute team plays the Buena Vistas on Wednesday, and hopes to hold its place at the top. The following table gives the individual standing of players to this date:

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CONCERT, Syracusian Lodge Wiff Give on Entertain-

ment Next Friday Evening. The members of Syzagusian Lodge, No. 10, Enights of Pythias, will give an entertainment next Friday evening in Marble Hali, corner of Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue, for the benefit of the members, their

families, and their friends. The lodge was visited Friday night by Grand Supreme Outer Guard of the Su-preme Lodge John W. Thompson, the grand vice chanceller of the local jurisdiction, and Grand Master of the Exchequer John Humpbrey, Each of these officials made